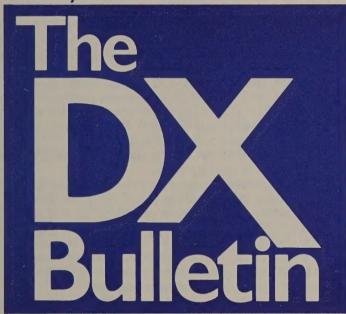
DXpedition News

Gibraltar - ZB Torsten Dittberner DL1BX and Hans-Rainer Uebel DL7CM with operate ZB2/ May 10-20, on all bands, 160-10 meters, CW, SSB, and RTTY. Top band is top priority, but they will not neglect the other bands. QSL respective home calls: DL1BX, Butterblumenweg 2, 15566 Schöneiche, Germany; DL7CW: Am Goldmannpark 47, 12587 Berlin, Germany. Sunrise 0515Z; sunset 1925Z.

Marshall Islands - V7 Bob O'Donnell WW1V will operate as V73C from Kwajalein (OC-028) May 2-14, on all bands, SSB and CW. Mostly SSB, but CW contacts on request. Emphasis will be on 40 meters, using the local club's three-element yagi. Sunrise 2000Z; sunset 0750Z. QSL home address: 4 Silver Hill Road, Acton MA 01720.

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Bermuda - VP9 Paul Sheldon N1LJA will operate N1LJA/VP9 from Bermuda (NA-005) June 9-15, running 100 watts to a vertical windom. 40-10 meters around 7260, 14260, 21360, 24960, and 28460. QSL home call.

Bermuda - VP9 K4ZLE/VP9 will be active from Warwick Parish Apr. 7-14, mostly CW on 80, 40, and 30 meters. Propagation permitting, he'll also try 17 and 12 meters. Look for Jay just above the US Extra-class subbands. OSL home address.

Jan Mayen - JX Per LA7DFA expects to be active as JX7DFA beginning May 1. He arrives on Jan Mayen April 13. He will be on bands and modes, including RTTY. (No QSL route given.)

Shortly Noted

- MX@AAA marks the beginning of the new M prefixes from the United Kingdom until Apr. 7. (DXPress.)
- 8P9IJ is David VE3VET from Barbados Apr. 20-27. With him is Joe VE3BW, who will operate as 8P9IK. QSL respective home calls.
- 5R8EN is often on 7057 kHz, listening 7240 kHz, around 1415Z. CW contacts on request. QSL F6AJA.
- NH6D/KH4 is due back for another two-week operation from Midway (OC-030) this month. Dates depend on military transport. QSL KL7H/W6.
- 3A/DJ5MN will operate from the shack of Laura 3D2MD in mid-April (exact dates not known). He hopes to improve the 160-meter antenna. QSL home call. (DXNS.)
- FR5HG/G may be active for a few days in May.
- ZK2ZE was Morten LA9GY; apparently he was not able to get to Tonga as planned. QSL home call.
- TK/F5RTJ is active from Corsica (EU-014) until April 12, on CW and SSB, all bands. QSL home call.
- S020R is the Western Sahara callsign of the Lynx DX Group until April 7. See Issue 832.
- IT9KDA/IT9, IT9LQG/IT9, and IT9SKY/IT9 will be active from Island Bella Apr. 26-28, on CW and SSB. QSL via the Italian bureau to home calls.
- VP8BPZ will be active from the Falklands (SA-002) May 15-Sept. 15. QSL direct to GW8HVI or via the German bureau to DA4RG. Reg expects to visit South Georgia sometime during his stay. SSB only; no lists no nets.
- 3C1DX is active on CW; QSL EA6BH.
- ZK1: Michael DF8AN plans to be active at his local sunset (0430Z) April 12-19 5-watt QRP on 40, 15, and 6 meters. He then goes to Tonga A3 May 3-8, with the same schedule. Sunset is around 0545Z. Next stop is Western Samoa 5W, where sunset is about 0500Z, beginning May 8. QSL home call.
- EM10C is a special-event station Apr. 26-30, by the Radio Club of Chernobyl Amateurs. QSL via UY5XE.
- DX Nets: 14226.5 kHz: TT8AB TJ1PD C53HG EL2WA Z21HD; 14247 KhZ: EL2AY 5V7MD CP5JI TI2OHL D44AB TU2DP 9L1MG JR1BLX S92YL FG5GZ S92YL.

Islands On The Air

- GM@UTT/p will be active Apr. 14-18 from Isle of Skye (EU-008), on 160-2 meters, mostly SSB but CW upon request. They will be on 1917.5 kHz at 0715-0815 daily. QSL direct to GM@UTT. (DXNS.)
- 7X: W3GF and a couple other operators plan an operation from the Mediterranean Sea Coast, a New One for IOTA, April 24-27. (DXNS.)

Propagation Forecast and Historical Data

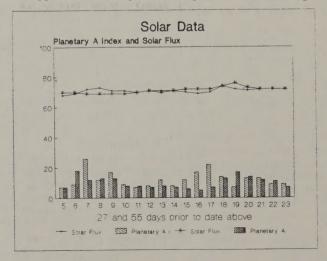
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April, 1996	Date	Flux	A	K	Date I	Flux A K
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6 High Normal	3/10	69	09/09	2	2/11	70 16/18 2
7 Below Normal	3/11	72	08/26	2	2/12	69 12/12 1
8 High Normal	3/12	73	14/12	3	2/13	69 12/13 2
9 Low Normal	3/13	71	17/17	2	2/14	69 12/13 2
10 High Normal	3/14	71	06/09	1	2/15	69 08/08 1
11 High Normal	3/15	70	06/07	1	2/16	70 10/08 1
12 High Normal	3/16	71	07/08	1	2/17	71 07/07 2
13 High Normal	3/17	71	13/12	1	2/18	70 07/08 1
14 High Normal	3/18	71	09/08	-2	2/19	71 08/07 1
15 High Normal	3/19	70	12/12	2	2/20	72 06/06 2
16 Low Normal	3/20	69	18/17	4	2/21	72 06/05 1
17 Low Normal	3/21	70	29/22	4	2/22	72 06/07 1
18 Low Normal	3/22	74	15/14	3	2/23	74 13/13 2
19 High Normal	3/23	72	07/07	1	2/24	76 13/17 2
20 High Normal	3/24	71	12/13	3	2/25	73 12/14 3
21 High Normal	3/25	72	13/13	2	2/26	72 12/12 2
Propagation						

The sunspot count for February was the lowest in this cycle: a mere 4.4 for the entire month. Just a year ago, the sunspot count was about 30. The sun remains almost spotless, with solar flux near 70. This means that 15 meters seldom opens on useful DX paths, and even 17 meters can be spotty. The daytime DX band is 20 meters, but that closes soon after local sunset.

40 meters is the prime DX band, with good openings from a hour or so before local sunset to a couple of hours after local sunrise. 30 meters is also useful for DX at about the same times.

The low bands are feeling the effect of the shortening night in the northern hemisphere. Signal strengths are dropping and noise is increasing. However, 80 and even 160 meters are worth checking, especially when the K index is low: 2 or less.

The forecast is for a continuation of the conditions we have been experiencing for the last couple of months. April 7-9 and again 16-18 will be the worst days of the next two weeks. Overwise, polar and long paths should be available to supplement the regular short paths. Good hunting!



OSL Information

- Ed Durbajlo SP1MHV reports that all the QSLs for his OD5/ operation were put into the bureau system in December. Anyone still needing a card may get one before August via P. O. Box 11, 78-300 Swidwin-1, Poland.
- QSL HC6CR and HD6CR via Dr. Rick Dorsch NE8Z, P. O. Box 616, Hamburg MI 48139-0616. This is a new address.
- QSL the 1996-97 operations of VK8DX via operator Ace Jansen N3AHA, 42857 Hollywood Park Place, Ashburn VA 22011.
- QSL most operations of VP2EZ via Glenn Johnson WA@PUJ. (That call was accidently issued to another operator in Feb, 1996; for those few QSLs, see AA7VB's new address in Issue 830. -ed.)
- QSL C56AA, C56WW, and C56/G0UCT via G0UCT.
- QSL TK5NI and FK8IIC via HH2HM, P. O. Box 104, 22650 Ploubalay, France.
- QSL A61AM via KA5TQF.
- QSL 3D2OQ, 3D2SN, and ZK1SSN via operator Lars Nordlund SM5BOQ, Rankhusvegen 15, S-19630 Kungsaengen, Sweden.
- VU2DK says mail from outside India is often being opened and contents removed. He suggests using well-sealed, opaque envelopes and avoiding the folded return envelope.
- QSL HI8/, HI3/WA2VUY, and HI3/NO2R via WA2VUY.
- QSL AP5N and AR5N via operator Andrzej Makowski SP5DIR, P. O. Box 36, 00-976 Warszawa 13, Poland.
- QSL OM3PA and OM3TZW via Budovatelska 599/25, 95804 Partizanske, Slovak Republic.
- QSL Tony Selmes A45ZN via P. O. Box 981, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, Arabia.
- QSL 9M8CC via operator Peter Borsboom PDØALB, Madridwg 299, Vlaardingen, 3137AN, Netherlands.
- QSL the 1991 operation of XV3UU via Rod Huckabay KA5EJX, 4002 70th St., Lubbock TX 79413-5918.
- QSL ZL7CW via WB8YJF and ZL7PYD via K8PYD.
- QSL ZC6B, TA2ZI, and OE6CLD via new manager K9JJR, who replaces former manager WA6EQX.

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QSLs Received

- From managers: 3DA@CA (W4DR, 10 DAYS!); 4N5@UN (WB8LFO, 4 MOS); 9J2BO (W6ORD, 3 WKS); 9K2MU (WA4JTK, 10 DAYS!); 9U/F5FHI (F2VX, 2 WKS); CX@CW (LU8DPM, 3 WKS); CY@TP (CE1CNK, 3 WKS); DP1KGI (DL7VRS, 3 MOS); PJ8A (W9NIP, 2 WKS); TG9IDK (K4TT, 2 MOS); ZK1DI (OK1RV, 3 WKS); 4X4NJ (2 WKS).
- Direct: 9A5D (12 DAYS!); JA3ONB (3 WKS); SV2BOH (2 WKS); VP2VF (6 WKS).

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Key to Bandpass: Callsign, frequency, UTC, day of the month, state. * = long path. P = packet. All "portable" calls listed with country of operation first, regardless of format used on the air.

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CN2AF	7004	2325	26	IA
EA6ZY	7004	0030	23	FL
FK8GJ	7003	0625	20	MT
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FR5DN	7006	0308	26	VA
FT5WE	7005	1345	18	IA
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J56CK	7004	2318	29	FL
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JH2ENF				
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PZ1DV	7009	0657	21	MT
R1FJZ	7001	0213	23	FL
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SORASD	7013	2350	26	IA
TR8BAR	7004	2245	18	IA
UA9FAR	7003	0257	19	MT
V44KJ	7004	0203	24	FL
V73C	7011	0644	24	MT
VKØWH	7009	0925	19	IA
VK6HD *	7001	2240	18	IA
VK9NS	7009	1010	28	IA
VQ9DX	7005	0052	15	CA
ZD7VJ	7003	0455	30	IA
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LX1DA	14008	1700	15	ID
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UA2FGU	14009	1229	24	FL
V31RA	14031	2345	24	NY
V44KJ	14017	1517	27	ID
V73GT	14005	2124	14	MO
VU2BK	14025	1313	22	GA
Z31CN	14003	1510	12	MI
ZB2EO	14022	1558	24	FL

20 Meter SSB

CN8NK	14210	1851	24	PA
DU9RG	14190	0239	10	MD
EA9AZ	14261	2122	23	WI
EL2LY	14227	2214	21	WI
EL2WA	14176	2235	22	MD
ET3AA	14212	1415	27	IA
ЕТЗАН.	14200	1530	19	IA
GJ3IT	14240	1730	24	NH
KG4MH	14203	2157	17	WI
PYØTI	14195	2155	21	MD
PZ5JB	14205	8000	18	MT
S79KMB	14227	1630	15	WI
S92VG	14185	2230	27	IA
T77J	14164	1353	17	PA
TJ1GD	14193	2040	19	IA
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TN/	14240	2310	18	MD
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TT8AB	14248	2228	22	MD
TT8BP	14195	2041	12	MD
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TU2JL	14216	2113	21	CA
TZ1GD	14196	2159	19	WI
V51BO	14205	1648	23	PA
VP8CTM	14194	2242	12	WI
VQ9DX	14167	1725	15	MD
VR2BH	14190	0239	10	MD
YI1FC	14224	1411	14	MD
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ZD7DP	14187	2153	21	MD
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17 Meter CW

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15 Meter CW

CP4BT 21016 1518 25 VA XQØYAF 21006 1748 17 VA

15 Meter SSB

9L1PG 21306 1740 17 IA CN8NK 21249 1720 17 V51C 21335 1605 17 IA V73C 21305 2125 23 AR YN1NC 21310 1732 24 AR

10 Meter CW

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Current and Future DXpeditions

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DXCC Country		Callsign	<u>Dates</u>	Issue
Algeria	7X	W3GF+	Apr. 24-27	1833
Antarctica	KC	EM1KA	7005 02-04Z	1830
Ascension Island	ZD8	ZD8VJ	Apr. 16-23	1828
-1.	0.70	ZD8Z	Apr. 16-24	1829
Barbados	8P	8P9IJ/IK	Apr. 20-27	1833
Bermuda	VP9	N1LJA/	June 9-15	1833
		K4LZE/	Apr. 7-14	1833
Chagos	VQ	VQ9DX	to June	1827
Christmas island	VK9	VK9XM	Apr. 5-10	1832
Corsica	TK	/F5RTJ	to Apr. 12	1833
Cyprus	5B4	/DL8KWS	to Apr. 10	1832
Falklands	VP8	VP8BPZ	May-Sept.	I831
Gibraltar	ZB	ZB2FX	Apr. 10-May	1 I829
	ZB2/	DL1BX+	May 10-20	I833
Glorioso	FR/G	FR5HG/G	May?	1833
Grenada	J3	J3K	Apr. 5-12	1829
Guam	KH2	AHØAV/	Apr. 11-14	I828
Guinea-Bissau	J5	J56CK	Mar. 27-Apr.	7 1829
Isle of Man	GDØ/	AI5P	to Apr. 25	1832
Jan Mayen	JX	JX7DFA	May 1+	1833
Juan de Nova	FR5D		14122 15Z	I830
Kermadec	ZL8	ZL8RI	May 4-14	1820
Luxembourg	LX	DL3FCP+	Apr. 7-13	1828
Madagascar	5R	5R8EN	7057 1415Z	1832
Malta	9H	9H3TY/Z	May 17-31	I831
Marianas	KH9/.	JM4IINS	Apr. 11-14	1832
Marshall Islands	V7	V73C	May 2-14	1833
Midway	KH4	NH6D/	April	I833
Monaco	3A/	DJ5MN	mid-Apr.	1833
Netherland Antill		PJ2/OH2XY	Mar. 26-Apr.	
St. Helena	ZD7	ZD7VJ	Mar. 29-Apr.	
Sierra Leone	9L	9L1MG/PG	to May 15	I832
South Cooks	ZK	DF8AN	Apr. 12-19	1833
Sri Lanka	4S	4S7BRG	Mar. 9-Apr. 1	
Svalbard	JW/	JW/LA5HE	early Apr.	I830
Svalvaru	J YY/	JW5NM	160 meters	1830
Tomas	4.2	JW6RHA+	Apr. 1-7	I831
Tonga Trindade	A3	DF8AN DVATI	May 3-8	1833
	PYØ	PYØTI	to May	I825
Tunisia	3V	3V8BB	Apr. 14-24	I831
Uganda	5X	ON6TT	soon	I824
Vietnam	3W	3W6GM	14198 11-15Z	
Western Sahara	SØ	SØ2ØR	Apr. 5-8	I832
Western Samoa	5W	DF8AN	Mau 8+	1833

DX Operating Events and DX Gatherings

April 6-7	Spanish RTTY Contest
Apr. 19-21	Visalia International DX Convention
May 17-19	Dayton Hamvention
May 27-28	WPX CW Contest

Resident Amateurs on Regularly

DXCC Country	Callsign	Freq.	UTC
Burundi	9U/EA1FH	10101	2100Z+
Cameroon	TJ1GB	14010	2100Z
Cameroon	TJ2JL	14210±	21-2200Z
Cameroon	TJ1GD	14194	2030-2230Z
Chad	TT8BP	14196	2100Z+
Estonia	ES1WN	14024±	14-1600Z
Falklands	VP8CTM	14198±	2245Z+
Franz Josef Land	R1FJZ	10101	13-1500Z
Franz Josef Land	R1FJZ	7001	02-0400Z
Ghana	9G1NS	14195±	21-2400Z
Gibraltar	ZB2EO	20M CW	16-1700Z
India	VU2BK	14025	13-1400Z
Mauritius Island	3B8CF	7007	0230-0330Z
Morocco	CN8NK	14205±	1900Z+
Nauru	C21RK	3800	1030Z



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Nigeria	5N1DMA	14210	2030Z
Qatar	A71BY	14210±	1400Z
Sao Tomé	S92VG	14010±	1930-2200Z
Sierra Leone	9L1MG	14250	2100Z
St. Helena	ZD7SM	14185	1930Z+
Tanzania	5H3MZ	14190±	2100Z
Trandade	PYØTI	10107	0200Z
Trindade	PYØTI	14195	21-2330Z
Vietnam	3W5RS	7006	1400Z
West Malaysia	9M2JJ	7005	1430Z
Zambia	9J2SZ	7005	0030-04Z
Zone 29	VK6HD	3504	1100Z